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#### American Sea Power.

When the President on his recent stumping tour recommended the building of the largest navy in the world he was accused of playing politics-of electioneering for a second term. A less severe charge was that he had simply lost his balance in the presence of enormous crowds and become intoxicated with applause. Surely he did not mean it. Surely he would be satisfied with the inauguration by Congress of a much smaller program.

It is entirely apparent now that he did mean it. Since then his recommendation has been indorsed by several of the most distinguished American sailors in commission-men not in politics: speaking not to crowds and uninfluenced by applause, but from a fullness of understanding based upon a lifetime study of the sea and sea power, and from careful deductions from the lessons growing out of the present war.

As late as Monday Admiral Knight, president of the Naval War College, gave the House committee on naval affairs some very pointed suggestions on the subject of what should be done. He spoke for the building of the largest navy in the world. He frankly confessed that our present inadequate sea establishment is only 50 per cent effielent. "We cannot afford," he said, "to stop at second place." He declared that America, as the richest country in the world today, could pay the price.

"But," reply the millennialists, "such a navy cannot be built in a day; and when the world recovers from its present convulsions it will be so horrorstricken at its excesses it will not soon if ever again, lose its balance and repeat them. Let us wait, and guide by later developments. In a few years we may not need a navy of any size-· may be justified in scrapping the ships we now have.'

Time, of course, will be necessary to build what we need. But the point of paramount consideration now is to announce a policy and set to work on it When it is known that we have determined our course and embarked on it, with resources adequate for the journey, we shall be strengthened in the obinion of all the world.

It is useless to argue with those who see in the present war the last of war. Such belief does not issue from a reading of history, or from any practical study of humankind. Such dreamers are entitled to their dreams. But let us not put ourselves into the hands of tend to make this amendment definitely dreamers at a time when all men of subject to the point of order which it action in this country and elsewhere is proposed will be made against it when wide awake, and the world is shaken with an unparalleled strife. The ountry that hesitates now is lost.

No form of diplomatic agreement will make ocean travel attractive as an idle pastime. The knowledge that indemnity and explanations will follow any disaster is of very little value as a nerve

It must be admitted that the holding up of United States mails by foreign censors is much less annoving than the work of domestic talent looking for real

editorial discussion throughout the country does not show any impression that the government employe is overbaid or underworked.

No evidence has yet been produced to show a chivalrous forbearance toward an unprepared country by a military nation on the warpath.

#### Will Try to Come Back.

Capt. Hobson likes Congress. Report is that he desires to return to the House, and will try his fortunes in his old district this year.

When the young sailor who had distinguished himself so signally in our war with Spain resigned from the navy to enter politics both surprise and regret were expressed. The step was regarded as a mistake. He had been a heard arguments on the pending bill to star man at Annapolis, had met expec- build a "national defense highway" betations in the service, and seemed assured of a great career affoat. Why capital. This project is urgently rechave left a field of action for which he ommended by every consideration of had been specially prepared for one in practical utility and of federal preno way connected with it?

But, though without training for polities, Capt. Hobson got along in that military men the sector of the Atlantic field, and made himself known in it. He provoked a good deal of criticism, but accepted it with political grace, and even capitalized it. He made his opponents advertise him.

After a time he sought promotion. and in the event of an invasion it would The Senate looked good to him, and he be essential to have the quickest posoffered for a seat there. But Mr. Un- sible means of communication and derwood proved too much for him. Alatransport between Washington and that

bama heard, but denied, his appeal. His senatorial race cost him necessarily his seat in the House, and since then until now speculation has concerned itself with the future. Had during recent years, and has taken a Of all the creatures that we meet, Capt. Hobson enough of politics, or high position among the American states

would be pick his flint and try again? Because of his prominence in the pro- the benefit of these investments in the hibition movement some political ob-servers fancied he had his eye on the prohibition nomination for President of money. The state's debt is small and

THE EVENING STAR, this year. There is not the slightest prospect that either of the two old partional ticket representing the uncompromising advocates of that cause.

But as such a nomination could not

e more than a flourish, Capt. Hobson,

if he ever gave it a thought, seems to

have put it by. The House again for

It is easy to believe that the captain

regrets his absence from the present

paredness and the recommendations for

immediate naval increases would appeal

cate of a big navy. It is to be said to

his credit that it was not necessary for

war to come to convert him to the cause

of an adequate national defense. Ever

since the Spanish war he has been

on the water; and now they are ap-

Opposition to the Borland Rider.

Yesterday's demonstration in the

House of hostility to the proposal to add

another hour to the working day of the

government clerks in Washington with-

It may not definitely indicate the de-

but it unquestionably shows that the

House is not disposed to allow this un-

just proposition to pass without the

closest scrutiny, if it is permitted to re-

main in the bill as a matter of perlia-

Yesterday no one spoke in behalf of

the extra hour provision. Even the

strongly opposed it in committee. Op-

position to it was voiced from unex-

pected quarters. The most gratifying

On the parliamentary point it is

total expenditures under this appro-

priation act it would be technically ger-

mane to the measure. But there is no

provision in the bill for a reduction of

force. The total number of clerks to be

employed under the legislative act re-

has been plastered on the bill regard-

less of its other features, with no at-

tempt to effect a readjustment which,

if the added hour is a practical econ-

omy, should be worked into the details

of the measure in a general curtailment

The manner in which the amendment

was adopted in committee, the absence

of any force-reducing provision, the

fact that the total sum carried by the

bill stands precisely as it did before

the rider was adopted in committee.

with the expenditure for salaries the

same and the number unchanged, all

from the outset on the basis of an

added hour of clerical work throughout

the departments, there would have been

no assured ground of parliamentary ob-

jection, although the substantial argu-

ments against the proposed change

would have remained unaffected. In

the light of yesterday's demonstration

of hostility there is reason for a feeling

of reassurance that this great injus-

It takes rare diplomacy to yield a

Adding an hour to the length of a

use of rhetorical high explosives in the

The progressive party is big enough

to undergo the process of splitting into

Annapolis-Washington Highway.

Yesterday at Annapolis a joint com-

mittee of the two legislative branches

tween Washington and the Marvland

paredness against a possible invasion

It is no secret that in the judgment of

coast lying between the mouth of the

Delaware and the mouth of the Chesa-

peake is regarded as of the most vital

tion of the utmost strategic importance,

city to permit the speedy placing of

Maryland has done remarkably good

work in the matter of road building

in this regard. It has materially felt

forces there.

consequence. Annapolis is in a posi-

point in language that sounds as if a

ompromise had been compelled.

the efficiency of the work.

present discussion

is reached. Had the bill

tice will not be perpetrated.

of forces.

him, if he can reach it.

want them remedied.

mentary right.

a good road between Annapolis and the District line would not add appreciably ties will declare for prohibition, and to the burden, especially in view of the hence the certainty of a prohibition na- assured returns in time of peace that such a highway would yield.

There is some rivalry between the route proposed in the bill on which arguments were made yesterday at Annapolis, and another, farther to the south, favored by residents of the lower section. Naturally there is a desire to get the road so placed as to improve property. This rivalry, however, should not serve to check the legislation. The legislature should be able to determine which route is the better, the shorter, to him. In politics he has remembered the more practicable, the less expensive. There are certain historical considerations in favor of the route named in the bill, and it has, moreover, some practical advantages. If those who oppose it cannot persuade the joint committee or the legislature that the other pointing out our deficiencies, especially route is better they should acquiesce in ; the decision, and all work for an enparent to all, even to those who do not actment that will so greatly increase Maryland's highway efficiency and bring the state capital and the National Capital into requisite, practicable communication.

#### A Fire Drill.

In eight minutes from the time the out compensation is a gratifying token. alarm was struck in a fire drill test the Department of Commerce building feat of the Borland rider when that at Pennsylvania avenue and 19th street item is reached in the legislative bill, was vacated by the 1,500 employes. This is a good record, and it shows an excellent state of discipline. But it is at the same time plain that in eight minutes a fire can get heavy headway in a tall building, and it is by no means assured that the order that prevails during a fire drill, with no smoke and flames in evidence, would be maintained in the member in charge of the legislative bill event of a genuine blaze. Herein lies was unable to defend it, he having one of the difficulties of a rented building occupied by the government for public office needs. It is the natural desire of the building owner to get the feature of the debate was that the ob- maximum of room space on a minimum jections were pitched in the key of a of ground space. Consequently, the demand for equitable treatment for the structure rises high in the air and the exit possibilities are lowered. It should be the fixed policy of the government urged that this rider has no right in not to rent, but to build its own structhe bill because it does not assuredly, tures, leasing only in emergencies. Then within the scope of what is called the it would be possible to adopt a standard "Holman rule," reduce the number or architectural principle of ample site, the salary of the officers of the United low structure and easy entrance and States. It is claimed by the author of exit. No building is so fireproof that the proposition that it will have the gov- it is a safeguard against panic in the ernment something like \$4,000,000 a event of a sudden outburst of flame. year. If it did that, by cutting off the The danger increases with the size of the building and its height. The United States has no reason for skimping economy in this matter. It should today own all its housings instead of being the lessee of dozens of structures of all kinds, with no prospect of immediate mains the same as before. This is a adoption of a consistent, embracing "rider" in every sense of the word. It building program.

> Many a legislator calms down after he has heard from his constituents concerning some emotional demonstra-

The submarine commanders seem to hold armed merchantmen in as much respect as North sea trawlers equipped with steel nets.

Conjecture as to industrial and com mercial conditions after the war conveys a hopeful reminder that it cannot last indefinitely.

Woodrow Wilson is not the first President to warn ambitious people against of the people for a sinecure.

Diplomacy begins to make real progress when the question narrows itself to a definition of some particular word

#### SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON

A Contributor. "Have you contributed to the aid those in distress?"

The Philippine legislature has adjourned without developing any rever-"Yes. I have lost six umbrellas in th sion to primitive methods in settling last two months."

#### Standards. "What would you do if a man made

"I'd have nothing to do with him," re

direct offer to sell you his vote?"

plied Senator Sorghum. "I am no saint. but as an artist in politics I'd scorn any working day does not mean adding to such coarse work." Twisted.

Congress has decided not to favor the How many a great man's speeches strong Are twisted till they lend A meaning, as time goes along, Which he did not intend.

> Should Be There, Somewhere. "There is a great deal to be said on this question."

"Yes. What I don't see is how so much can be said without sooner or later bringing out the answer."

A man who has accidentally exchanged

hats is always sure he got the worse

The reason a savage wonders why civilized countries have been bothering to send missionaries to convert him is that he can't read the newspaper.

#### The Meanest. Of all the creatures here below,

The ground hog is the meanest: faisifiers that we know, The boldest and serenest. He hands his prophecy along Of fair and warmer weather: Then sets the blizzard blowing strong For several weeks together.

The rattler sounds a warning clear; The dog will bark to scare you, And every foe that ventures near In some way will prepare you. But that small animal's deceit Of sorrow brings the keenest. The ground hog is the meanest

What's the Use?

#### The Interviewer Seeks something new for her dresse

#### "Richelieu"

The Newest French Ivory
To finish my newly furnished boudoir, there yet remained one thing to
purchase, a set to adorn the dresser—
what should I get!
"Fil go down to Kann's and look
around," I decided.
"Anything new!" This to the pleasant little saleswoman.
"Oh wes—this just come in

ant little saleswoman.
"Oh. yes-this just came in from New York—It is the newest in French irory, exclusive with us in Washington—the 'Richelieu' pattern!"—and she lifted an exquisitely finished Puff Box from the case.
"Oh." I breathed, "how exquisite!" And indeed, as she brought each piece out—

out—
Hair Receiver, Salve Jar, Jewel Case, Hair Receiver, Salve Jar, Jewel Case, Buffer, Tray, Perfume Bottle, Mirror, Cloth Brush, Bonnet Brush and Glove Stretcher—
my admiration knew no bounds.

Beautifully patterned (after that extravagant French period when Richelieu was cardinal in the 17th century), they show massive lines in highly polished effects. Each piece is marked, and prices range from 75c to \$3.00 a piece.

piece.

Of course I didn't get an entire set at once, but the few pieces tastily arranged on the dresser are at once attractive and more beautiful than more pieces that cost less—I think it pays—don't you?

## House Dresses--the New Modes

#### Select Them Here and You Will Find Your Selections Most Satisfactory

-Because You Will Find Them "Different" From the Usual Run of House Dresses, and Undeniably Superior to Those Generally Sold at the Prices Quoted.

## Prices, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2

SMART TRIM HOUSE DRESSES, made of Amoskeag gingham, in checks, stripes, broken checks 

Striped and Plain Gingham House Dresses, made with wide sailor collars, the striped styles being trimmed with plain fabrics and fine embroidery; colors are pink, blue, gray and lavender; in this lot we have both regular and ex-tra sizes up to size 50. CHOICE,

House Dresses, with pretty trim-med collars and trimmed cuffs; fin-ished with handmade buttonholes; some have white sailor collars and dainty pearl buttons for trimming; others have revers in front and collars of plain material trimmed with embroidery edging; some have tucked waist, and many are finished with the popular two-in-one collar. CHOICE AT—

\$1.50

House Dressex, trimmed in folds; some with yoke top skirts and belt; many of these are trimmed with wide embroidery and have white embroidery trimmed collars. Striped Dresses with plain colored collars; some are edged in Venice lace and finished with pearl buttons; others have collars of pique. The materials are madras, gingham and new tissue.

At this price we also have the Nurses' Uniform, in white, plain and striped ginghams and black. All sizes in the lot up to 46.

Complete Readiness Spells Efficiency, and We Are

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Untrimmed Shapes in

New Hats

THE SMARTEST OF NEW TRIMMINGS

And an EXPERT TRIMMING SERVICE Which is

Yours ENTIRELY FREE of Charge if Shape and

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Hemps; some

with polished

or glace fin-

ished crowns.

Leather and Metallic Trimmings at . . 75c and 98c

Roses and other flowers from.....39c to \$2.50



Prices.

Here is an Example of Co-operation Creating Success—for the House of Kann and for the Maker of Our New Line of

# Tailored Spring Suits



The maker's confidence that this special line he declared he could make up for us would be the highest in quality, the best in material, style and workmanship that we had ever carried in our stock at the above price has been proved to be well founded on a thorough knowledge of his establishment's capabilities.

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Our greatest difficulty lies in not being able to purchase large quantities at a time. When we announce a shipment received, HURRY, if you want one.

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Cornered styles

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THE TRIMMINGS TO USE ARE—

The Colors Are-

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Sailors, straight brim

Sailors, side roll effects

Turbans with high or low brims

Close shapes, some with wing back

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10 RUGS, \$19.95 to \$26.75 Values, \$15.94

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"CONGOLEUM"
New Process Linoleum
Hall Runner; 18
inches wide; bordered
effects; plain green,
gray and brown cengray and brown tent ters; in different shades. Special, 15c

"CONGOLEUM" New Process Linoleum Rugs, 6x6-ft. size: \$2.40 kind; in six very attractive patterns; both light and dark effects. Special, each \$1.25

27x54-inch size; in red, green, blue and brown; new novelty designs; our leader at 69c. 49c

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\$5.00

One Day

CHOICE,

Every Woman's Wardrobe Should Contain Several

High-Necked Sleeveless

Guimpes They are so very useful in turn-

They are so very useful in turning semi-evening dresses into street dresses, or for use in renovating gowns and waists that are in need of a little new note to bring them up to the latest mode. And, of course, they are in demand for the gowns, suits and waists that are strictly up-to-date.

We have them of shadow lace and plain net, the latter finished with straight standing collar or crushed collar. The shadow lace are in cream and white only; the net in white, cream and black.

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For You This Week At Special Prices

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75c Union Taffeta Covers-\$1.75, \$1.90 and \$2.25

Kann's-Street Floor.

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Rogers Nickel Silver Dessert Forks... Rogers Nickel Silver Soup Spoons.... Rogers Nickel Silver Dessert Spoons.

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CHOICE.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE QUANTITY DURING THIS SALE.

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Theseonthe These at the Bargain Table:

and goat seal -nearly all nearly all different. \$2 and \$3 values.

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at 98c and
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